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L1 437 5AT OR AMINOTETRAZOLE# OR AMINO (W) TETRAZOLE#
L2 48 L1 (P) FUEL
L3 3 L2 AND AUTOIGNITION

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ABSTRACT: A . . . metal oxide, such as CuO. Generant compositions in accordance with the invention autoignite in a range around 170.degree. C., providing **autoignition** of the generant

DETD(3) While the major **fuel** component may be selected from any of the tetrazole and triazole compounds listed above and mixtures thereof, from an availability and cost standpoint, 5-aminotetrazole (AT) is presently the azole compound of choice, and the invention will be described herein primarily in reference to AT. The purpose of the **fuel** is to produce carbon dioxide, water and nitrogen gases when burned with an appropriate oxidizer or oxidizer combination.

DETD(27)	1	2	3	
Guanidine nitrate		9.84	10.84	11.82 Soluble **Fuel**
Cupric oxide	70.94	70.48	70.03	Oxidizer
5-Aminotetrazole**		17.73	17.20	16.67 **Fuel**
Sodium nitrate	1.48	1.48	1.48	Oxidizer (low ignition temperature) . . .

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L7 9 L6 AND L2

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9. 5,035,757, Jul. 30, 1991, Azide-free gas generant composition with easily filterable combustion products; Donald R. Poole, 149/46, 45, 61, 70, 75, 76, 77, 83, 85

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BSUM(16) In accordance with the present invention, the ****fuel**** utilized in the nonazide gas generant is preferably selected from compounds that maximize the nitrogen content of the ****fuel**** and regulate the carbon and hydrogen content thereof to moderate values. Such fuels are typically selected from azole compounds, particularly tetrazole compounds such as ****aminotetrazole****, tetrazole, 5-nitrotetrazole, 5-nitroaminotetrazole, bitetrazole, and triazole compounds such as 1,2,4-triazole-5-one or 3-nitro-1,2,4-triazole-5-one. A preferred embodiment utilizes 5-****aminotetrazole**** as the ****fuel**** because of cost, availability and safety.

CLMS(4) 4. . . . occupant safety restraint device comprising at least one material of each of the following functional groups of materials: a. a ****fuel****;

b. an oxidizer compound; c. a slag forming compound; and
d. a catalyst which promotes the conversion of toxic oxides of nitrogen and carbon monoxide to nitrogen gas (N.sub.2) and carbon dioxide, respectively, wherein the ****fuel**** comprises 5-****aminotetrazole**** which is present in a concentration of about 26% to about 32% by weight, . . .

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BSUM(57) a. A ****fuel**** selected from the group of tetrazole compounds consisting of ****aminotetrazole****, tetrazole, bitetrazole and metal salts of these compounds as well as triazole compounds and metal salts of triazole compounds.

BSUM(62) The ****fuel**** may comprise 5-****aminotetrazole**** which is present in a concentration of about 22 to about 36% by weight, where the oxygen containing oxidizer compound. . .

BSUM(63) Alternatively, the ****fuel**** and high-temperature slag forming material may comprise the strontium salt of 5-****aminotetrazole**** which is present in a concentration of about 30 to about 50%

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BSUM(48) a. A ****fuel**** selected from the group of tetrazole compounds consisting of ****aminotetrazole****, tetrazole, bitetrazole and metal salts of these compounds as well as triazole compounds and metal salts of triazole compounds.

BSUM(53) The ****fuel**** may comprise 5-****aminotetrazole**** which is present in a concentration of about 22 to about 36% by weight, where the oxygen containing oxidizer compound. . .

BSUM(54) Alternatively, the ****fuel**** and high-temperature slag forming material may comprise the strontium salt of 5-****aminotetrazole**** which is present in a concentration of about 30 to about 50% by weight, where the oxygen containing oxidizer compound. . .

CLMS(1) . . .